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PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well after getting that answer, I would like to pursue it from another line maybe that I could get . . . What is the interest you have, and your motivation for introducing the bill?

SENATOR GOODRICH: OK. The need for the bill itself is that when we processed LB 92 last session we left out two categories of handicapped children - educatable mentally handicapped and speech therapy problems. Those two categories were just plain inadvertantly overlooked. The purpose of the bill is to pick those up. You know we're treating all handicapped children the same.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well Mr. Chairman I think that will answer some question I have on the amendment. I have a motion to bracket the bill and I am courteous enough to extend that until they handle the amendment. I certainly will have that on the desk to bracket it until we address the problems of 403 without adding something else to go with it.

PRESIDENT: Do you want to bracket it to a date certain, Senator?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yeah, about a month.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, a question of Senator Goodrich. Senator Goodrich, are you actually anticipating that this will cut down the number of miles of transportation that a school district, or others, would be responsible for in terms of cost?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, but we've got to adopt the committee amendment so that we know what we're talking about first. In other words, we're right now . . . we're getting into explanation of the bill when we actually have a committee amendment to decide, whether we adopt it or do not adopt. That determines then what the actual bill is. I would suggest, Mr. President, that we can adopt the committee amendments so we'll at least know which form of the bill we're talking about so I can answer the questions that way.

SENATOR KOCH: I move for the adoption of the amendment then so we can discuss it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel, do you still wish to be heard on this matter? Chair recognizes Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to take this opportunity, if the Chair will let me, to make two or three comments. Senator Goodrich can make the point if he likes. I don't want to embarrass Senator Simpson in the process, but Senator Simpson's bill that will add 1.7 million to the general fund is in an area that's even touchier than this area. It's awfully difficult to get up and talk against benefits for children. May I say in all due respect to this Legislature, first of all, you're going to hear in a short time that we are in a fiscal delimma. Secondly, this Legislature . . . there's